

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SHREWSBURY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, today I join the community of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts in celebrating the outstanding accomplishments and performance of the Shrewsbury High School Colonials Baseball team. Their remarkable season came to an abrupt end on June 19th with their defeat in the Division 1 State Championship game. This defeat, however, could not detract from their magical season.

The mentality of the Colonials' baseball team can be summed up in a common idiom: "comback kids." Nevertheless, there is nothing "common" about this group of distinguished young men. Driven by the passionate leadership of Coach Dave Niro, the Colonials surprised many teams this year with late-inning rallies, strong defense and incredible hitting. As a matter of fact, four of their last six victories were of the come-from-behind variety. It was this "never-say-die" attitude that lifted the spirits and performance of the Shrewsbury High School Baseball team to a level that very few anticipated.

Teamwork was the key to the Colonials' highly successful season. Led on the field by co-captains Catcher Jimmy Board and First Baseman Jamie Buonomo, every player performed as if each game were his last: the sensational play of outfielders Shayne Barnes, Tommy Crossman, and Tim Kilroy; the outstanding defense of infielders Jon Bacott, Alex Biaz, Ryan Bigda, Bill Orfaea, and Andy Morano; the mastery of pitchers Shawn Walker, Lee Diamantopoulos, Brenda Slavin and Mike Sigismondo; the clutch hitting by designated hitter Matt Vaccaro; and the numerous contributions by players Bob Roddy, Nick Dion, Matt Amdur, Todd Cooksey, Tim Ford, and Brian Merchant. Also, special recognition must be extended to the coaches of this team: the aforementioned head Coach Dave Niro, and assistants P.J. O'Connell and Jay Costa.

It is with tremendous pride that I recognize the members of the Shrewsbury High School Colonials Baseball team for an unforgettable season. These outstanding young men make me so very proud. I congratulate them on their accomplishment and wish them the best of luck in the years to come.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF HELEN OSK LEINHARDT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

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Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Helen Osk Leinhardt, who will turn 100 years old on December 28, 2000. Ms. Leinhardt will celebrate her birthday alongside her son, Walter, her six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Ms. Leinhardt is quite an extraordinary woman. Born on December 28, 1900, the end of the first year of the 20th Century, Ms.

Leinhardt was educated in New York City public schools and eventually became a teacher. She taught first and second grade in Brooklyn, New York for more than 30 years. A working mother at a time when it was still rare for women to work outside the home, Ms. Leinhardt raised two children, Walter and Alice. Alice unfortunately died three years ago. Throughout Alice's illness, Ms. Leinhardt, who was then in her late nineties, repeatedly walked the entire 40 blocks to and from the hospital to visit her daughter.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to acknowledge the dedication and pioneering efforts of Ms. Helen Osk Leinhardt. A working mother whose great enthusiasm inspired a generation of students, Ms. Leinhardt is truly an inspiration to us all.

IN HONOR OF JOAN OLSEN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I pay respect to Joan Olsen, who passed away recently at the age of 59 after battling with cancer. Mrs. Olsen was an outstanding citizen of the community of St. Colman's Church since 1987. She wholeheartedly involved herself in the education and computer assistance of the St. Colman's Church and community.

Joan grew up in Lakewood, but settled in Fairview Park after her marriage to Neal Olsen in 1967. Joan was drawn to St. Colman's Church in 1987 while researching her Irish genealogy. From the moment she joined St. Colman's Church, she was an active member and participant in the Parish and community. From her work experience between 1992 and 1994 in helping to computerize the Cuyahoga County Archive Records, Joan decided to computerize the Parish files. In 1995, she realized the importance of computer education and resolved to help the community obtain computers and to teach computer classes. Knowing that the community could not afford computers or computer classes, she contacted many businesses and was able to acquire newer model computers for the neighborhood. The computer lab was eventually placed in the parish school building, where Joan gave free computer classes to anyone interested. In addition to her computer classes, Joan taught Bible classes at St. Colman's Parish. She immersed herself further into the community when she offered to install computers in the homes of families.

Outside of the St. Colman's Parish community, Joan helped organize the West Side Community Computer Center. She did all of the networking and attended out-of-town conferences in preparation for the opening of the Center. Once again, she provided free computer classes.

Joan had many talents and interests, which she generously shared with her family, friends, and community. She taught knitting and weaving to the neighborhood children in addition to her already existing computer classes.

I am heartened to hear that the computer lab at St. Colman's Parish will be formally dedicated to Joan very soon. A woman of her caliber will be remembered not only in the minds and hearts of the St. Colman commu-

nity citizens, but also by the new dedication of the computer lab. Joan Olsen has been a key-stone to the community. Her absence will be greatly missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in expressing my deepest condolences to Joan's family and many friends, and honoring the memory of Joan Olsen.

HONORING LARRY MCBRIDE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to recognize an outstanding educator and administrator, Larry McBride of Rifle, Colorado. For the past twenty years Larry has served the Re-2 School District in the capacity of Associate Superintendent. Larry and his colleague Lennard Eckhardt are both retiring at the end of the school year. His contributions to the students and faculty of Re-2 School District are immeasurable and I would like to pay tribute to his service.

Larry was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, attending high school at South High School in Denver. He enrolled at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado and graduated with a degree in Social Sciences. Larry's plans of attending medical school were cut short as the country called its young men and women to service. After serving his country admirably in the US Navy, including one tour of duty in Vietnam, Larry returned a proud veteran and began his career in education.

He began his legacy of education as a high school government teacher in East Grand School District in Granby, Colorado. Larry's superb leadership skills were soon put to work, as he became the Director of Student Services. During his decade long tenure in Granby, he went on to serve as Elementary Principal, Assistant High School Principal and as Assistant Superintendent, before beginning his role as an administrator in Rifle. In 1979 Larry was hired as the Principal of Esma Lewis Elementary, working for only two years before becoming Associate Superintendent, a capacity in which he has served since 1981.

Larry has worked tirelessly to ensure that highest quality education is available for the students of Re-2 School District and his contributions are great in number. Larry has served his community in immeasurable ways and deserves the recognition and admiration of this body. On behalf of the State of Colorado and the US Congress I thank him for his contributions to America's youth and wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING FORMER
CONGRESSMAN SIDNEY R. YATES

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, Congressman Sidney Yates was a true patriot in every sense of the word. He was a stalwart advocate for issues near and dear to his heart and those of the people he represented.